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# GOSSIP OF LONDON

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## SOCIETY AGOG OVER THE WAR

Rumors from the Continental Courts—Emperor Frederick and Princess Stephanie.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—All kinds of plans are afoot to help not only the soldiers, but those who are left behind, and the refugees who are pouring into the British town at the Cape. There, I hear, the women are delighted to have a chance to dress and be gay; the cafes are filled with well-dressed women and music and good cheer make the place look and sound gay, and without any fear of the results of the war.

In London a monster carnival at Niagara, which, you know, is the semi-private skating palace, is thought of, the proceeds to be given to the needs of the soldiers. Mrs. Arthur Paget, who was Miss Minnie Stevens, of New York, and whose husband, Colonel Paget, has gone to the Cape, has undertaken to supply lint, bandages and comforts for the wounded. There is to be a patriotic concert and a ball, under "royal and distinguished patronage," will be held on the 27th of November, on behalf of the Transvaal refugees. One who cannot wear purple and diamonds and dine and make merry at fashionable cafes.

Mr. Alfred Rothschild has undertaken to supply champagne and cigars to the officers of the Scots Guards; whether or not this means all they want I have not heard. But fancy the Duke of Wellington on the eve of Waterloo hearing that his officers were to be supplied with such peaceful luxuries!

Sir William MacCormac, the great surgeon, has shown his patriotism by volunteering to go to the Transvaal and undertake to see that the wounded are treated with the highest available surgical skill. The lady volunteer nurses are not having a very enthusiastic reception from the War Office, and the rigid examinations instituted some time ago are not in any case relaxed. Of course, there are some exceptions. Lady Hely-Hutchinson, the wife of the Governor of Natal, is taking a prominent part in organizing the South African nursing arrangement. She is going out on the hospital ship Trojan. The Hospital Army Corps are taking only such nurses as have already had active service experience. The Boers, too, have very efficient corps of nurses. And the Roman Catholic sisters who have elected to stay at Kimberley are turning their convent into a military hospital. The only one of the Queen's daughters who had real experience in military nursing was Princess Alice, who organized the whole nursing arrangements at Darmstadt during the Franco-Prussian war. The Queen of Greece and the Duchess of Sparta took an active personal part in nursing during the Greco-Turkish war, looking after the soldiers who poured into Athens. The Duchess tried to start a corps of nurses, composed of women of the higher class, but it was frowned down by the republican Greeks as being infra dig.

The Boer Government has promised to the man who will capture Cecil Rhodes a new farm complete in everything for working. The second man in the Boers' list is Major Woods-Sampson, who has been severely wounded, which is no doubt filling the Boers with delight. This officer has been a thorn in the Boer burghers' sides for many years, especially lately, as he has been very successful in counteracting the influence of Kruger's agents sent to undermine the loyalty of the colonists in Natal. In the last Boer war Major Sampson managed to put two bullets into a prominent burgher, who, although long past the age of service, has volunteered, probably with the hope of getting even with his enemy. At one time Major Sampson, who is an obstinate reformer, preferred spending 18 months in the Pretoria jail rather than ask President Kruger's pardon. Now, unfortunately, he is laid low, not mortally wounded, we hope.

The Empress Frederick has had to give up both her visits to England and Berlin because of her health. She is suffering with neuralgic rheumatism, which makes an immediate move to a warmer climate necessary. The Empress would have been called an old woman if she had been born in her mother's day, as she will be 59 on the 20th of November; but in spite of a married granddaughter she is not called nor considered old. The Prince of Wales will be 53 on the 3d. Another anxiety is over little Prince Carol of Roumania, the eldest grandchild of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg; the dear little man, who is a quite beautiful child, was six on the 15th of the month, and is now very ill from typhoid fever. He was born on the same day as his unfortunate uncle, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg, whose untimely death last year was so deplored.

Prince Carol's mother, the Crown Princess of Roumania, is only 24, quite lovely and devoted to her two children; the senior is a girl, named Elizabeth for Carmen Sylva, the poet queen. The Court has received confidential information that the Queen of Holland is practically engaged to Prince William of Wied, but that there will be no public nor official announcement for some time, as the Queen does not intend to marry before her twenty-first birthday, which will be in August, 1901. The young man, probably, being young—he was born in 1875—will kick his heels with impatience, but will probably not jilt the imperious young woman. Prince William's father is the head of a very old, powerful and wealthy family. To this family the Queen of Roumania belongs, and he owns large estates in the Rhine provinces and in Westphalia. His wife is also very rich, and was a daughter of the late Prince Frederick, of the Nether-

lands; so her desire to see her son the Consort of Holland is actuated by family pride. And the young man cannot be called a fortune-hunter. He will be more acceptable to the Hollanders than would Albrecht of Brunswick, as they fear Germany. A marriage just now with one of the Queen's grandsons would be most unpopular.

As the marriage of the Crown Princess Stephanie will probably be an accomplished fact by the time this reaches you I must tell you a little more about the bridegroom-elect. Everything now seems settled, and the course of love—true or false time alone can prove—is running smoothly toward the chancel rail. Of course, it is a媒-ance, and the Princess will be required to give up not only her title as Crown Princess, which can hardly be a grief to her when she retrospects—and the sorrows she endured are remembered—but also her title of Princess, which, as daughter of the King of the Belgians, is hers by right of birth. But in spite of the bridegroom's non-royal birth, he belongs to one of the oldest and proudest families in Hungary. He has borne his title of Count only since 1896, but traces his ancestry back to 1032. The family has always acted an important part in Hungarian politics, and, oddly enough, have been in days gone by among the bitterest enemies of the Hapsburgs. The Count, who was born in 1863, is a clever diplomat, and has charming manners and English tastes. He and the Crown Princess have known each other a year; they met during the festivities given by the Archduke Frederick of Austria, at Presburg. The Count was a bold and ardent warrior, and evinced the lady's heart by storm, evidently having no inclination for a siege. The negotiations between Austria and Belgium have been going on for months. There were a number of conditions imposed, the final ones being those I have already mentioned, and, in addition, that the Archduchess Elizabeth, Stephanie's daughter, shall renounce all rights to the Austrian throne before her mother's remarriage. This seems a childish condition to mention, as she would have to do the same thing when she marries. It is said that the Emperor of Austria will give a valuable property as a wedding gift, and the King of the Belgians a million or so (1) of francs. The Princess says she means to live upon her husband's estates, and be in every sense a Hungarian countess.

Although war, war, war is the talk—and, alas! frequently the cry—everywhere, we are not yet wholly given over to grief and taxes. The new Niagara for ice skating opened on Saturday. There was excellent music, plenty of light, a dazzling contrast to the "London special" fog outside, and any number of pretty women in very smart gowns. The Duke d'Orleans was among the skaters. Some of the gowns were very pretty of dark cloth skirts, brilliant colored bodices, trimmed with lace, and coquettish toques. And some lovely furs. A cape of ermine, with revers of satin and trimmed with lace, was lovely.

Madame Patti (Baroness Cederstrom) has given another opera at her castle, Craig-y-Nos. She sang Violetta in "La Traviata." One paper says that her "rendering was simply magnificent. Violetta being one of her favorite roles. She was in perfect voice, and wore quantities of diamonds." Her gowns were delectable. In the first act, pale-blue satin, with ruchings of chiffon, and superb jewels. In the second a cloud of pink chiffon, embroidered in silver sequins and diamonds. And lastly a lovely gown of creamy white chiffon and lace over ivory silk, embroidered with turquoise and gold and trimmed with lace. The operas are given at the bridegroom, who was born after the songstress had achieved fame, may see her in her favorite and famous roles.

The fullness of town continues to crowd the restaurants. Again the Prince of Wales and on Sunday night, dined at the Carlton with several men and the Countess of Torby and Lady Randolph Churchill; both ladies wore black, not mourning, but glittering with gold-colored paillettes in one case and jet in the other. Half the world and his wife—or another's—were there. Mrs. Langtry, not far from the Prince's table, looking lovely, if not so young, in a clinging lace gown.

We have a new play, "San Toy," a Japanese-Mikado-Gelsha kind, with Hayden Coffin and Marie Penney as the stars. The dresses are perfect, beautiful, gorgeous and graceful, and the Eastern scenes are splendidly done. Have you heard that many of the towns of the Cape are named for Governors and their wives? Among the first of these were General Sir Harry Smith. His wife was a lovely Portuguese, and for her Lady Smith is called, and Harmsmith for the General.

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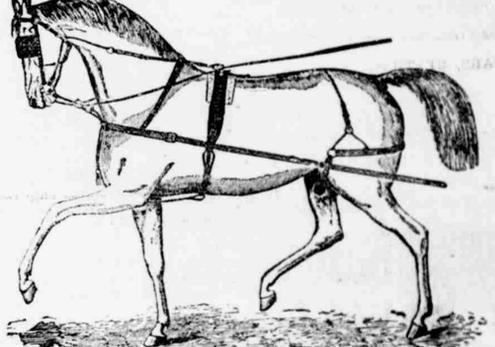
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